

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION IN THE NEWS...

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NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE FATALITIES AT ALL TIME LOW



As 2013 comes to a close and a new year has begun," says, J. William Degnan, New Hampshire State Fire Marshal, "it is important to take the time to reflect on the efforts and benefits of fire and life safety public education."

What we know:

Fire prevention education saves lives, pain and suffering, and dollars. Even when there are no injuries or deaths it can take years to recover from a fire. The loss of a home, possessions and family treasures can haunt people, particularly children, for the rest of their lives. However, there are many aspects of

prevention where you won't see the impact of loss prevention overnight, but within just a few years the benefits can be rewarding.

The public education section of the fire marshal's office has worked hard to increase awareness and educate the public with the ultimate goal of changing the behaviors from a complacent attitude to being more diligent in their daily lives. Through statewide school newsletters, poster contests, and attendance at state and local events, the educators have reached hundreds of children with key safety messages. "I often hear from parents, 'If it weren't for my child reminding me to test our smoke alarms and prepare and practice an escape plan, we wouldn't do it!'", states Marshal Degnan. He said, "People get busy with the everyday routines of life and put aside the important practices for living safely."

2013 has been a record year in New Hampshire with low accidental fire deaths.

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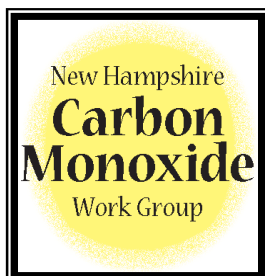
We Need Your Input

Please take a moment to participate in this brief survey on your departments educational outreach efforts. The NFPA's Public Education Network along with the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office intends to use the information to develop and evaluate current and future educational outreach goals and efforts. Your input as a department educator is essential to assure we are meeting the needs that exist locally and statewide.



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Carbon Monoxide Awareness and Education



New Hampshire Carbon Monoxide Work Group is an interagency task force dedicated to keeping the public informed of the many safety and health issues related to carbon monoxide. During the month of November, the New Hampshire Carbon Monoxide Work Group put together educational materials to aid your department with public outreach efforts on Carbon Monoxide awareness and education in the hopes of keeping carbon monoxide incidents at a minimum. We hope that the materials were received and distributed throughout your town where residents can easily read them; such as the town hall, town library, schools, and local restaurants and stores.

If you did not receive your informational handout packet please contact Mary MacCaffrie at Mary.MacCaffrie@dos.nh.gov. Should you wish to obtain additional copies of any of the materials please contact US Consumer Product Safety at info@cpsc.gov or 800-638-2772.

NFPA: Non-Fire Carbon Monoxide Report

→ In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 80,100 non-fire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of nine calls per hour.

→ A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a long period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.

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Informational Bulletin:

Compressed Natural Gas Facilities Without Pipelines

Natural gas, compressed or distributed via pipeline, is not a new product, nor is it foreign to the fire service. In the last year compressed natural gas (CNG) has been distributed without a pipeline via high pressure trailers over the road. The process consists of natural gas being compressed and loaded into trailers at a pressure of approximately 4000 psi. The trailer is transported to the end user, connected to the heating plant of the facility and left unmanned at the site. The facility uses a "just in time" management philosophy. Just before the trailer is empty it is replaced. Consequently these facilities are receiving 3 or 4 deliveries a day. This new type of fuel supply represents very large savings to the end user and has become very popular. Unfortunately this technology is so new that there are no specific guidelines for its installation or use. This bulletin is intended to provide a basic guide for proposed CNG installations.

Based on the current State Fire Code the following shall be required.

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[Learn More](#) about the call to action for USFA, fire and life safety partner organizations and the American public. We must join together to help reduce the number of home fires, and the resulting deaths, injuries and loss of property. We rely on the fire service to fight fires once they occur; however, the prevention of fires is up to all of us ... Fire is Everyone's Fight™.



The United States Fire Administration (USFA) and NFPA remind citizens that home fires are more prevalent during the winter months than in any other season. People are at greater risk in the winter season when they may use unsafe heat sources or if they don't follow fire safety rules in the kitchen or while using candles. Visit their site for excellent educational information including handouts:

- ▶ Carbon Monoxide Safety
- ▶ Electrical Safety
- ▶ Heating Safety
- ▶ Cooking Safety
- ▶ Candle Safety

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SAFETY EDUCATOR Newsletter



Safety Educator is a monthly/bimonthly newsletter created as a valuable learning/teaching tool for educators, fire departments, children and their families. With every fire and life safety topic we discuss in this newsletter, we encourage citizens to contact their **local fire department** with any questions or concerns. We currently distribute this newsletter electronically to Elementary and Early Childhood Schools throughout the state, along with

Fire Departments, Police Departments, Health Professionals, State Fire Marshal Distribution lists, etc. These newsletters may be shared via social media, website, electronically, or printed distributed. We encourage you to share and utilize this newsletter as you see fit. Attached to this email is this month's edition.

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Contact us TODAY to obtain your FREE Risk Watch preK-8 program and materials while supplies last.

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FMO Public Education Website

Please visit our updated website for information that your department can utilize to assist in its educational outreach efforts. There you will find Fire and Life Safety Information that is child, parent and educator approved including websites as well as Home Safety Information. For Educators looking to enhance their educational programs you will find Educational Outreach Resources, FMO Equipment available for loan, and Reproducible Fire and Life Safety fact sheet handouts.

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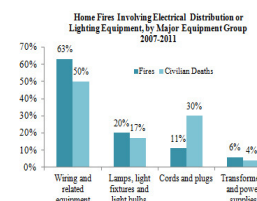


NFPA: Electrical Safety

→ Roughly half of home electrical fires involve electrical distribution or lighting equipment.

→ Nearly half of home electrical fires involve equipment such as fans, washers, dryers, space heaters and air conditioners.

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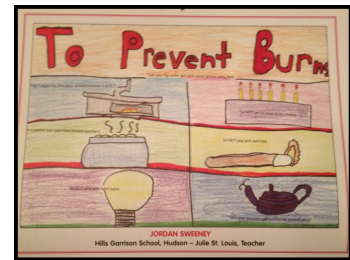
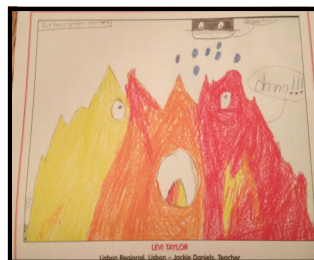
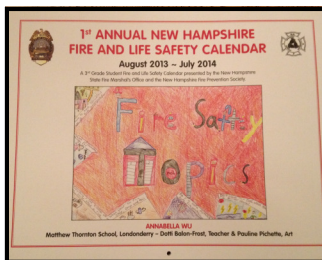
Fire Is... Free Educational Program for Middle School Students



UPDATE: NH State Fire Marshal J. William Degnan is thrilled with the positive response the FIRE IS program has begun to receive throughout the state. The critical key to this program is not only reaching middle-school aged children as they begin to understand fire, but their parents/guardians and care givers as well. The curriculum is centered on a home-based learning system employed by television, internet and the public volunteers to put a new face on fire safety. Therefore the program will not interfere with classroom time. Currently we are working to develop our OWN personalized **New Hampshire Fire Is** website that will hold not only the 5 videos but instructional information and the pre and post exams. Also in the works is the gathering of coalitions throughout the state that will support and encourage the program. Copies of these letters of endorsement will be made available on the website as soon as they become available. If your town is interested or currently implementing the program we would appreciate hearing from you. Please email: Sheryl.Nielsen@dos.nh.gov

ATTENTION 3rd Grade Students and Educators!!

We Need YOU for our **2nd Annual POSTER CALENDAR CONTEST** this March 2014



The Department of Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal and the New Hampshire Fire Prevention Society believe that Fire Prevention and Life Safety should be a part of daily life throughout the year in every New Hampshire household. Every year during the month of March, 3rd grade students will be challenged to design a poster representing an important fire prevention & life safety message. This annual poster contest is open to **ALL** third grade students within the state of New Hampshire. 3rd Grade Students have an opportunity to assist in creating a 2014-2015 school year calendar that will promote fire and life safety messages to friends and families throughout the state of New Hampshire. Click below to learn more about the Calendar Contest details. Please encourage your local public, private and homeschooled 3rd graders to participate!

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Current GRANT Opportunities:



FIRE PREVENTION and SAFETY (FP&S) GRANT supports projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The primary goal is to reduce injury and prevent death among high-risk populations. FEMA will be opening for qualified applicants tentatively in late January. [READ MORE ►►►](#)



FM GLOBAL FIRE PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM

FM Global believes that the majority of fire can be prevented. FM Global is pleased to offer financial support to organizations working to combat fire. Through our new Fire Prevention Grant Program, fire departments and brigades, as well as national, state, regional, local and community organizations can apply for funding to support a wide array of fire prevention, preparedness and control efforts, including:

- ◆ Pre-fire planning for commercial, industrial and institutional facilities
- ◆ Fire and arson prevention and investigation
- ◆ Fire prevention education and training programs.

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ROLF H. JENSEN MEMORIAL PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANT

The Rolf H. Jensen Memorial Public Education Grant provides a \$5,000 grant to one local fire department to support a community-wide fire and life safety education program or campaign. Funded by the RJA Group, the grant is open to any fire department (career or volunteer) located in the United States or Canada.

Deadline: February 7th

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www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafety/index.html

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It is the mission of the Division of Fire Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal to prevent deaths, injury and property loss by promoting a safe fire, building and hazardous materials environment for the citizens and visitors of New Hampshire through education, engineering, investigation and enforcement.